
Transportation Committee

HB 1301

Brief Description: Providing expanded options for fare enforcement by regional transit authorities.

Sponsors: Representatives Fitzgibbon, Hackney, Valdez and Macri.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a regional transit authority (RTA) to establish an alternative fare enforcement system, which allows for the issuance of a notice of violation.
- Allows RTAs to establish a system to adjudicate civil infractions.

Hearing Date: 2/8/21

Staff: David Munnecke (786-7315).

Background:

Regional transit authorities (RTAs) are authorized to set fines and penalties for certain civil infractions, including:

- failure to pay the required fare;
- failure to display proof of payment when requested to do so by an authorized RTA employee; and
- failure to leave a facility when requested to do so by an individual authorized to monitor fare payment.

Fines established by an RTA may not exceed the amount established in statute for a class 1 civil infraction, which is currently \$250, before the addition of any statutory assessments. Civil infractions established by an RTA may be heard by either a district or municipal court.

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Summary of Bill:

An RTA is allowed to establish an alternative fare enforcement system, which allows for the issuance of a notice of violation, in addition to or as a replacement for the current civil infraction system.

An RTA is allowed to establish by resolution a system to adjudicate civil infractions.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.